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1. WE HAD 90 MINUTE MEETING P.M. DECEMBER 14 WITH HUDSON, GREEN, KNIGHTON, SANBURN (DTI) AND HITCH (FCO) AT WHICH WE AROUED STRONGLY BUT UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR ADJUSTMENT IN PANAM FUEL ALLOCATION. UK OFFICIALS TOOK POSITION THAT UK OVERALL FUEL SITUATION AT PRESENT SO DESPARATE, WITH INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE FORCED TO THREE-DAY WEEK, THEY ARE NOT ABLE MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS UNLESS IT CAN BE ESTABLISHED EITHER ORIGINAL ALLOCATION WAS FOR SOME REASON IN ERROR OR CARRIER BEING ACCORDED LESS FAVORABLE TREATMENT THAN BRITISH CARRIERS. NEITHER CASE APPLIES TO PANAM. OFFICIALS SAID THEY SIMPLY MUST FACE POSSIBILITY THAT TRAVELING PUBLIC MAY BE LESS THAN ADEQUATELY SERVED.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED PANAM LONDON RESULTS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUR TALKS. CARRIER STATES IT NOW PLANNING 40 PER CENT

REDUCTION IN FLIGHTS OUT OF UK BETWEEN NOW AND END OF
MONTH WITH MOST CUTS COMING AFTER CHRISTMAS.

3. WE ALSO DISCUSSED SEABOARD WORLD CASE (PARA. 4
REFTEL) WITH UK OFFICIALS. THEY SAID THEY WOULD
TAKE CAREFUL LOOK AT SEABOARD'S FUEL ALLOCATION IN
VIEW OF ARGUMENT THAT NUMBER OF FLIGHTS PLANNED
DURING OCTOBER 1973 BASING PERIOD DID NOT TAKE PLACE
BECAUSE OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE. THEY NOTED, HOWEVER,
THAT SEABOARD'S OCTOBER 1973 ACTUAL FUEL CONSUMPTION
WAS HIGHER THAN ANY MONTH IN PREVIOUS YEAR AND A HALF.
THEY SAID THEY WOULD LET SEABOARD KNOW RESULTS THEIR
RE-EXAMINATION NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 17, WHICH,
ACCORDING TO CARRIER, IS DAY IT WILL EXHAUST PRESENT
ALLOCATION.

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